

In the claims:

1. (Currently amended) An air filter assembly, comprising:
a an air filter housing having an inlet and an outlet; and
a hydrocarbon filter element disposed within the air filter housing, said hydrocarbon filter element comprising a hydrocarbon adsorbent member capable of adsorbing hydrocarbons from fluid flow past said hydrocarbon filter element at a first flow rate and adsorbed hydrocarbons being released into fluid flow past said hydrocarbon filter element at a second flow rate, said second flow rate being higher than said first flow rate, and said hydrocarbon filter element being positioned above or beside a direct fluid flow path between said inlet and said outlet.
2. (Original) The air filter assembly as in claim 1, wherein said hydrocarbon filter element is positioned such that fluid can flow from said inlet to said outlet without passing through said hydrocarbon filter element.
3. (Currently amended) The air filter assembly as in claim 1, wherein said hydrocarbon filter element is positioned such that a surface of said hydrocarbon filter element is in a facing spaced relationship with respect to a surface of said housing and another surface of said hydrocarbon filter element is in a facing spaced relationship with respect to an air filter disposed in said air filter housing.
4. (Original) The air filter assembly as in claim 3, wherein said air filter is positioned such that fluid must flow through said air filter when flowing from said inlet to said outlet.
5. (Currently amended) The air filter assembly as in claim 4, wherein said hydrocarbon filter element is positioned such that fluid can flow from said inlet to said outlet without passing through said hydrocarbon filter element.
6. (New) An evaporative emissions filter for an engine air induction system having a direct air flow path, the evaporative emissions filter comprising:

a hydrocarbon vapor-adsorbent member disposed within the air induction system; and

a mechanism mounting the evaporative emissions filter above or beside the direct air flow path;

wherein hydrocarbon vapors present in the air induction system after engine shut-down are substantially retained in the adsorbent member until air flows through the air induction system after the engine starts.

7. (New) The evaporative emissions filter as in claim 6 wherein the air induction system includes an air resonator and a housing containing an air filter, and wherein the evaporative emissions filter is mounted within at least one of the air resonator and the air filter housing.
8. (New) The evaporative emissions filter as in claim 7 wherein the air resonator is attached to, and in fluid communication with at least one of an air induction tube and the housing, and wherein the evaporative emissions filter is mounted within the air resonator.
9. (New) The evaporative emissions filter as in claim 6, further comprising a second evaporative emissions filter, wherein the evaporative emissions filter is mounted within the air filter housing above the direct air flow path, and the second evaporative emissions filter is mounted within the air filter housing beside the direct air flow path.
10. (New) The evaporative emissions filter as in claim 6 wherein the adsorbent member has as a main component thereof a hydrocarbon vapor-adsorbing material comprising at least one of activated carbon, zeolites, cyclodextrins, hydrophobic cellulose, liquid phase absorbents, and mixtures thereof.
11. (New) The evaporative emissions filter as in claim 10 wherein the hydrocarbon vapor-adsorbing material is activated carbon.

12. (New) The evaporative emissions filter as in claim 6, wherein the mechanism is a plurality of stand-offs depending away from a mounting interior surface of the air induction system, wherein the hydrocarbon vapor-adsorbent member is mounted in a facing spaced relationship with regard to the mounting surface.

13. (New) The evaporative emissions filter as in claim 12, wherein the mounting interior surface is within an air filter housing of the air induction system.